Divisional Forest Officer for the 1st quarter of 1103 is only under consideration and cannot be placed at this stage.

158. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House the report on the local audit of the accounts of the Divisional Forest Office, Southern Division, for the 1st quarter of 1103 with the connected report on the accounts of the Conservator's Office?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 157.

Holding of Natural Science Examination and the purchase of furniture for G. T. School, Trichur.

159. Mr. A. B. Salem.—(1) Will the Director of Public Instruction be pleased to state the date on which the B. A. Examination in Natural Science was conducted in the Ernakulam College in 1103;

(2) the date on which 10 microscopes and a dozen dissecting lenses were ordered for use in the laboratory;

(3) the nature of the urgency for the purchase of furniture and tools for the Government Trades School, Trichur; and the date or dates on which they were purchased?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(1) The Written Examination was conducted from 24th to 28th March 1928 and the Practical Examination from 10th to 17th April 1928.

(2) They were ordered on the 27th March and 7th February 1928, respectively.

(3) The original idea was to shift the G. T. School to the new buildings towards the close of 1103 and to equip the new building with all articles of furniture, looms and machinery. No furniture was purchased since the shifting had to be postponed.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know, Sir, whether they were ordered from England or locally?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I cannot say just now whether they were ordered from England or elsewhere.

President.—We do not make the purchase.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—About half a dozen were brought from Changanasseri and a few were purchased.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—With reference to answer to subdivision (3), I may state that, on 2nd July 1928, in the Statement placed on the Table of the House under section 16 (9) under 'Education' XVIII—Maharaja's College, a sum of Rs. 3,000 is found to have been sanctioned for the purchase of microscopes and lenses for the examination in Natural Science and for the equipment of the laboratory for the students from Travancore, 30 in all. To get down the necessary 10 micros-

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copes and a dozen dissecting lenses an additional grant of Rs. 3,000 had to be sanctioned urgently. Now, Sir, the examination was on the 28th of March and the order was placed on the 27th of March.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—No, Sir. When was the Practical Examination? The microscopes and lenses are for the Practical Examination.

President.—It is 17th of April.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—These instruments were wanted for the Practical Examination. That is why I ask, Sir, whether they were purchased either in Calcutta or Madras. In my opinion the orders for purchase of the instruments were not made. That is what I want to know, whether they were available for the Practical Examination. Is the Hon'ble Member in a position to state that, by allotting this amount under emergency clause, he was able to make these microscopes and dissecting lenses available for the Practical Examination of the 17th of April?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—That is the presumption.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I am not on the presumption.

President.—My permission was asked for to get a number of microscopes and dissecting lenses from the Changanasseri College and permission was given. I do not know whether any purchase was made for the examination.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—We did purchase a few. Whether they arrived in time I do not know.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Well then, when were they brought over? After or before?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—After the arrival only.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Then what was the urgency?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Is it a supplementary question, Sir?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The urgency of the matter is quite clear. Every attempt was made to get these instruments in time.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The order was passed on the 27th of March for the examination on the 17th of April. There were 29 clear days and, therefore, this was sanctioned. I do not know when the urgency was sanctioned; presumably it must have been sanctioned before the order was placed for the purchase of the instruments. It could not be placed after the order was made. The demands must have been made only after the articles came here. Now we see a 20 dasy' difference between the order and the date of the examination. Whether they came in time for the examination it is only a presumption.

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Now I ask where was the urgency to have this certified under emergency clause, and put this here?

President.—If you have not got the full details, ask for notice.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I said that every information will be supplied to the Member. But any way an urgency there was, and the order was made for the supply of these.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Then sub-division No. 13. How do you ask for urgency again? 2,000 rupees for meeting the transport charges! For the purchase of all articles of furniture, looms and machinery, an additional allotment of Rs. 500 was sanctioned in the budget which has never been utilised. When the amount was brought under emergency clause and certified, there was an idea to purchase all these which was never carried out. May I know what was the urgency?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Under normal conditions the new buildings were not expected to be completed in that educational year. But in the course of progress we had reasonable hopes that it would be possible to complete the building in time for the next educational year, and we thought that it would be a great pity if the building was kept unused for the whole year without furniture and other equipments, and, therefore, we thought it desirable to furnish these buildings with all the necessary equipments and for that a provision was made under the emergency clause.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I do not question the necessity.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I am willing to state the facts. We brought it under emergency clause with the idea of spending the amount after the buildings were completed. We thought that it would be a great pity if the buildings after their completion were kept unused for the whole year. Is it not an urgent matter ? There was the probability of the buildings being unused for the whole educational year.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—But after the buildings were completed and the things were shifted and occasions arise for a certificate, certainly it is quite reasonable to bring it under emergency clause. But the buildings were not completed and furniture not shifted.

President.—These are all stated in the answer.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—If the answer is not satisfactory.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I ask for the urgency and this is the answer.

President.—There is the answer and it must be taken for what it is worth.

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Mr. A. B. Salem.—Never mind. I shall bring an adjournment motion to this effect, if you like.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—If he wants that, he shall have it. The Jewish Member gets up day after day with threats.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Why this flutter?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—We are as calm as calmness itself. Day after day the Member for the Jews threatens the Government. We sit quiet, to secure a calm atmosphere, and to respect the order of the President. But, I believe, there is a limit to one's patience.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Is that an answer to my question, Sir? I only ask where was the urgency in this matter. The Hon'ble Member for Education said that there was an urgency, and I want to know where was the urgency.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—All the information that the Hon'ble Member wanted was given. Anything further?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I put the question why this was placed under urgency clause.

President.—Your question was fully answered. The necessity was explained by the Member for Education and this constituted the urgency. A question was put and the answer furnished.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The answer was that the building was to be completed, and when it is completed the furniture would be necessary.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—If you did not want to misuse the building for that educational year, the amount had to be sanctioned under emergency expenditure, lest instruction cannot be carried on for one year. So they took time by the forelock.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Did you put the furniture there?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—That is already answered in the question. Our expectation was unfortunately not fulfilled. And, therefore, we did not use the amount and the amount lapsed.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—No furniture was purchased since the shifting had to be postponed. That is to say, the urgency did not arise at that time. It would only arise after the completion of the building.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—That is a comment, Sir.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It is on that anticipation that the Diwan was made to certify the expenditure.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—You must know that, if the building is completed by that year, you would have to wait for one whole year for want of this furniture.

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Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know when is the educational year beginning? Is it in Mithunam ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It is in the end of May.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Was it not enough to sanction the amount after the building was completed ?

President.—Nobody thought that the building would be completed.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—So, on the anticipation they made the emergency allotment.

President.—Anticipations are not fulfilled.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I think comments after the questions are answered are not allowable under the Rules.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—We want to understand things. We were asking the Chair to give us better opportunities to have our say in the matter since we get always vague answers like 'we cannot say' and 'now it may not be possible.' I want to show to you that in giving you the information to sanction the emergency expenditure you were pulled the other way. They don't answer my question.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—This pulling and all sorts of things are quite undignified.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I am not casting any reflection on the President. You sanctioned the expenditure on the information given to you. Let me show to you that the information given was wrong.

President.—If I am pulled on the one side, I am equally pulled on the other side also.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I have put this question to justify our statement that the Government have certified the expenditure on anticipations.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—You simply use undignified language.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—What is the undignified language that I used? I am only giving the information that I have got. I am not using any undignified or unparliamentary language. (*Hear, hear.*)

Dr. A. R. Menon.—On a point of order, Sir. This cannot be allowed.

Investment of money in the Cochin Tanneries.

160. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

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